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MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister is not bound to answer it.

The question hour is now over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message from the Governor, dated the 26th April 1957 :—

"In pursuance of Article 207, Clause (1) read with Article 199, Clause (1), sub-clause (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, A. J. John, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras General Sales Tax, Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation and Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1957."

(2) TIME LIMIT FOR NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MADRAS GENERAL SALES TAX, SALES OF MOTOR SPIRIT TAXATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER : I have also to announce to the House that amendments to the Madras General Sales Tax, Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation and Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1957, should be delivered to the Secretary, Legislature Department, before 3 p.m. on Monday, the 6th May 1957.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* SUDDEN RISE IN PRICES OF PADDY IN TANJORE DISTRICT.

11-20 a.m. MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri M. D. Thiagaraja Pillai has given notice of his intention for calling the attention of the Hon. the Home Minister to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the sudden rise in prices of paddy in Tanjore district. I understand that on account of a small accident the Hon. the Home Minister will not be making the statement. The Hon. the Revenue Minister will make the statement with reference to the matter raised.

Sri Thiagaraja Pillai : (The Member was not present).

As the hon. Member is not present we will pass on to the next item of business.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM PILLAI : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் தன் மகன் கார் விபத்திற்குள்ளான செய்தி கேட்டு அவசரமாக வெளியில் போயிருக்கிறார். ஆகவே அவர் சார்பாக நான் இதைக்கேட்கிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : We shall take it up on another day. நீங்கள் அவர் சார்பாகக் கேட்கவேண்டும் என்பது இல்லை. நீங்களே தனியாக ஒரு மோஷன் கொடுக்கலாம். இல்லாவிட்டாலும் இந்த மோஷன் திங்கள்கிழமை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படும்.